

THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Kevin Zurschmiede, and Larry Kochert.

OTHERS: Attorney Greg Fifer, Tim Crawford, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Susan Johnson asked if they have received the second amended consent decree.

Mayor Garner stated that they have not that they were still working under the memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Fifer explained that it was at the Department of Justice because they did not know if they needed to have a public hearing for the Robert E. Lee and Bar Screen projects which are now finished. He said that they will get in sometime in April.

Mrs. Johnson asked if there is a new plant permit.

Mayor Garner stated that the engineers have reviewed it and have recommended that we agree with it and sign it.

Mrs. Johnson asked if K.& E. is still going to require them to monitor SSO's that are not on the list.

Mr. Sartell stated that they have asked that they monitor all SSO's

Mr. Fifer explained that they have a request that they not monitor SSO's that have not been active for two or more years. He stated that this has not been acted on yet and until it is they will monitor all designated points.

Mrs. Johnson asked if IDEM and the EPA have to agree to do this.

Mr. Fifer stated that whatever is in the permit will have to be done, but the ones in the consent decree could fall under this new request.

Mr. Warren Nash came to see if they have any follow up questions regarding the Hazmat building. He informed them that the building would be delivered next week and hoped to be in business by May 5.

Tina Healy reported that Larry Schad's new legal office needs 280 sewer credits for their new building on the corner of 3rd and Main.

Mayor Garner asked how many credits they have left.

Mr. Fifer stated 21,000.

Mr. Utz moved to approve the requested credits, **Mr. Zurschmeide** second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Ms. Welsh reported that they have handouts in front of them all of which are on file with the city clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Bill Springston, Bellewood Condos re: swimming pool

Mr. Springston, Bellewood Condos, reported that they have a swimming pool and the closest water meter is 700 feet from the pool. Last year they spent about \$3,500 in sewer bills and they are looking for a way to alleviate this expense. They looked into having a meter installed that would cost them \$12,000 because a new line would have to be hand dug. He asked if they could install their own meter at the pool and have the meter readings brought to the sewer offices to be deducted from their sewer readings.

Mr. Dixon asked how many estimates they had gotten on installing a meter.

Mr. Springston said just the one from DR Jones and they said the problem is the underground utilities and that is why it has to be hand dug.

Mr. Dixon stated that since the pool is at the end of the water line they should be able to drop a meter at the end of that line by a professional as opposed to them doing it themselves. He explained that the problem he has with them installing the meter is that the board will have no control over whether or not it is working properly.

Mr. Springston stated that they would be happy to put in a meter that the board approved.

Mr. Dixon stated that he wouldn't be able to tell him what was correct or not, but he could possibly get something that the water company would accept and read and just have them install the meter on the end of that line and maybe they wouldn't have to install 700 ft of new water line.

Mr. Springston stated that he got the impression that they didn't want to do that but he would be happy to go back and ask them.

Mayor Garner stated that anytime a private meter is put in it does pose an issue about getting the readings deducted because they do not maintain any meters. He suggested that **Mr. Springston** get a second estimate and come back to the board next month so that way the entire board can hear it because they are missing two members.

Mr. Dixon suggested that he check with the water company as well about his suggestion of putting a meter on the end of that water line.

Mr. Springston asked if he would have to come back if the water company put in a meter.

Mayor Garner stated that he would not have to come to them if they water company put one in.

Item #2 - Mayor Garner re: Pre-lien payments

Mayor Garner presented a letter to the board from Mrs. Debra Murray. He stated that six months ago they decided not to accept payments, but at the last meeting it was decided that the two individuals there could set up payments through the sewer office. There seems to be some discrepancy between what the board told these individuals and what Ms. Welsh is telling them. Mrs. Murray expressed her displeasure at how she was treated by Ms. Welsh and he believes the board needs to clarify what is expected of Mr. Welsh as far as these payments are concerned.

Mr. Zurschmiede stated that they agreed to take payments from these folks but from now on he doesn't think we should have to set up payment plans.

Mrs. Welsh explained that if they file the liens they still have until November to pay them in the Treasurers office, but there will be fees added on. She stated that it is more than her office can handle to keep track of these payments.

Mr. Fifer stated once the lien is paid in the treasures' office the individual can bring the documentation to Ms. Welsh's office and the lien will be lifted. He explained that they are actually better protected this way because they still get paid if the property sells.

Ms. Welsh stated that was one of her concerns with them taking payments.

Mayor Garner stated that they will go ahead and accept payments from these individuals but after that they will have to be paid in the treasurers' office.

Ms. Welsh stated that Mrs. Murray did receive another lien letter on a different property and she wasn't happy about that but she had only drawn up payment plans on the one that she brought before the board.

Mayor Garner stated that based on what they just decided Mrs. Murray would have to pay that lien off in the treasurers' office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update

Wes Christmas reported that Basin 35 design is proceeding and they will get the plans to Brian sometime this month. They have not finished the grass and trees at the Robert E. Lee project yet due to the weather. They looked into Basin 18 and it wasn't going to affect the up stream lines on any basins but it may cause a need for one or two pipes to be upgraded, but it wasn't going to extend the length of the sewer.

Mr. Fifer asked how long it would take to design Basin 18.

Mr. Christmas stated that he thought it would be 4-5 months with the earliest construction being at the end of the year.

Mr. Dixon asked if they are looking at increasing the size for future development up stream.

Hans Peterson stated diameter size, yes but in terms of extending the length they don't think so.

Mr. Christmas stated that they were concerned with that with the new development but they will not have to extend the sewer line but the area they are doing they may need to upsize the pipe.

The board decided to review the contract and take action on it at the next meeting.

Item #2 - Donohue re: Project Update

Paul Elling reported that Todd has raised several questions regarding the draft of the Capacity Analysis. He stated that they have a contract for the 15th Street study contract that needed to be approved. He said that Brian received a quote from Pipe Eyes that was substantially less than Reynolds but he had several concerns with their quote and he has questions that he wants answered prior to including it in his contract.

Mr. Dixon stated that Pipe Eyes did give a linear foot cost but it did not give a cost not to exceed which he did ask for so he asked Mr. Elling to call and speak with the representative regarding this issue.

Mr. Utz asked Mr. Dixon if he clearly stated to them that he wanted that in the estimate.

Mr. Dixon stated that he told them he wanted an estimate on light cleaning and heavy cleaning per foot and an over-all estimate, but he didn't get the over-all estimate.

Mr. Elling stated that they also didn't identify mobilization, whether or not he has permit bypass pumping, to what degrees he will clean and guarantee the pipes.

Mr. Dixon said it took them a while to respond to the request so he didn't have time to ask his questions of the company before the meeting.

Mr. Utz said it sounds so deficient that maybe they shouldn't even consider it.

Mr. Dixon stated that he would like to give Mr. Elling an opportunity to talk with them and see if they can get a different estimate and bring back to the next meeting.

Mr. Utz asked if he had made the changes that they asked about on the Capital Project list.

Mr. Elling stated that he has been working with Mr. Dixon and they have made changes that will make it easy to cross reference.

Mr. Fifer asked if the televising on 15th street needed to be done prior to the Geotechnical work.

Mr. Elling stated that the geotech work could happen anytime.

Mr. Fifer stated that he felt that they needed to go ahead and approve the geotech work so they can see if the railroad may be at fault for the collapse of the line.

Mr. Utz moved to proceed with the Geotech work on the 15th street project, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

EMC REPORT:

Rob Sartell stated that they made modifications to the monthly report and that under section 8 they have included a map of the mini basins and that the spread sheet is behind that, some of the things they have incorporated is a percent of the basin that they have cleaned and televised, when they start and finish the basin work and how much work has been done. He stated that he and Tim Crawford have looked into several ways to get the information to the public regarding grease in pipes.

Mayor Garner asked Kelly to contact Indiana American Water to see how much it would cost to include a stuffer in the bills again.

Mr. Crawford stated that with the resistance that Kelly is getting from IN-AW they are looking at possibly starting a mailing list themselves.

Ms. Welsh said she could provide the customer base to them.

Mr. Fifer stated if they do decide to do a mailing themselves that they need to put some thought into what is going to go into it and if there are any other issues that need to be addressed so that they can just do one mailing.

Mr. Sartell stated that they have started receiving plans for obtaining plans for the addition to the sewer system. He said he contacted Mr. ____ about his claim on Spring Street, and explained that it has been put into advisement until it is determined what is going on at 15th Street.

Mr. Utz asked who made the decisions in the past as to the size of sewer pipes that were installed in development projects.

Mr. Sartell stated that it was probably decided on by IDEM.

Mr. Utz stated that he feels that should be decided on by the city and not IDEM.

Mr. Sartell stated that the city would need to have a long term plan to determine what size of sewers you want to have first and then you have much more control over that.

Mr. Fifer stated that he would like to see them issue the construction permits but this was not done because they were under EPA oversight. He explained that nothing was prohibiting them from doing this if they would like to add that to their list of duties.

Mr. Dixon stated that neither Jeffersonville nor Clarksville charge a fee for reviewing sewer plans

Mr. Elling stated that IDEM charges \$200.00

Mr. Fifer stated that the board could either charge a nominal fee or no fee but they shouldn't exceed the state charge but they will have to get an engineer on board to review these.

Mr. Dixon stated that 15th street is complete. They have finished the manhole installed the pipe, backfilled, paved around it, and restored the neighbors property. Everything seems to working fine and he does not have any concerns with the fix but the railroad does still dip when the train goes over. He has contacted the railroad and they haven't responded or done anything about it. He also reported that on 2702 Clear Stream Court he has an exposed sewer line along the bank of a creek. He has moved the creek but that it encroaches on a person's property as much as 10 feet. He hasn't talked to any contractors but he will have to take action on this very soon.

Mr. Fifer stated he needs to take Nathan out there and talk with the property owners to see if they can get the home owners to cooperate and agree to the change and if not they will have to get more easements and get it fixed.

Mr. Dixon stated that on the Charlestown Road cross connection he has gotten the approval of the Board of Works to do that work during spring break which is next week. It is actually going to cost more than he thought. The quote that he has received is \$24,000 and he is anticipating another quote but he hasn't received it yet. . At the Robert E. Lee lift station they had two white 5 gallon buckets for thermoplug that was blocking one of the intake valves and he had to pay \$435 to have them removed and he is going to contact Team Contracting to ask them to pay for it.

Mr. Fifer asked if they owed money to Team Contracting

Mr. Dixon stated that they did and it could just be subtracted from what they owe.

Mr. Fifer asked if we received the bill from MAC for the 15th Street project.

Mr. Dixon stated that they have not.

Mr. Fifer stated that we need to recognize MAC for saving the City a large amount of money.

Mr. Kochert stated that he would agree that something should be done because it is usually the other way around.

Mayor Garner stated that he would take care of this.

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

Mr. Crawford presented the following claims totaling \$35,829.29 for approval:

Donahue & Associates	Invoice #12, Task Order 1, 2 & 3	\$23,762.12
	Invoice #1 15 th Street Project	\$11,317.17
CDI	Invoice #41296 Sewer Credits	\$750.00

Mr. Utz moved to approve, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor James Garner, Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk